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(57) Abstract: Biological material in a sample is reacted with a novel functionalized superparamagnetic Fe/Au nanoparticle that specifically binds to the biological material in solution to produce a magnetic particle/biological material complex. The biological material is detected upon application of an external magnetic field which separates the magnetic bound complex from other components of the reaction mixture.

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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